



# ZERO HOUR



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IS THERE  
NOTHING YOU  
CAN DO, RAFAEL?  
HE HAS LOST  
CONSCIOUSNESS  
AGAIN! I FEAR HE  
IS SOBERLY  
INJURED!

AAAA...

AAAA, I  
AM BOUND AS  
YOU ARE,  
COLUMBINE  
-BRIGHT-

MAHA  
WILL HAVE  
HIS WAY  
WITH ME!  
WITH ALL  
OF US!

IT'S  
ALL HIS  
FAULT!

HIM AND THAT  
PUNY ONE!  
MAKING THE  
MISTAKE!

DID NOT! EVERY TIME  
THEY DO IT, THEY  
WEAKEN THE BOND  
BETWEEN WORLDS!

ARE YOU NOT ASHAMED,  
RALPH? YOUR BROTHER  
IS IN CURSED, IN DRAIN, AND  
YOU SPEAK ILL OF HIM!

ANIMALS HAS  
ALWAYS PROTECTED  
YOU, RALPH!

MUCH GOOD HE'S  
DOING ME NOW, TO  
THINK I'VE COME TO  
THIS -- IMPRISONED  
WITH A SLUT AND A  
CATAMITE!

BETTER  
COMPANY THAN  
YOU DESERVE  
RALPH!

YOU WERE A  
GOOD MAN ONCE,  
BUT NOW YOU  
DISGUST ME! I'M  
ASHAMED TO CALL  
YOU BROTHER!

YOU ASHAMED OF ME?  
NO! YOU ARE THE ABOM-  
INATION, ANIMAL! YOU ARE  
THE TRAITOR!

LISTEN! THE  
MISTRESS COMES!  
I'LL BE REVENGED  
ON THE WHOLE  
RACE OF YOU!







THE SURPRISE HOB  
OF OTHERS WERE  
YOU TOO EASILY  
BROTHER! YOUR SOFT  
HEART HAS ALWAYS  
BEEN YOUR UN-  
DOING!



"YOU WOULD  
NOT ENJOYED  
THEM."



"I HAD  
TO DROP  
YOU"



"BUT PITY ONCE AGAIN  
HIDLED YOU - INSTEAD  
OF KILLING OUR FATHER,  
YOU IMPRISONED HIM  
IN A MOUNTAIN OF  
ICE."



I WILL NOT  
MAKE THAT MISTAKE  
AGAIN, SISTER. I  
ASSURE YOU!

FOOL! THE  
NAMELESS ONE  
CANNOT DIE!

FOR LONGER OUR  
FATHER WAITED,  
DREAMING OF ESCAPE  
AND REVENGE. HIS  
MIND REACHED  
BETWEEN THE  
WORLDS--

--AND MANIPULATED  
THE DNA OF A HUMAN FAMILY  
THE JARSON FAMILY AND SO  
THE VINDICTFUL DREAM OF THE  
NAMELESS ONE WAS MADE  
FLESH AND BLOOD. A CHILD  
WAS BORN.

A GIRL WITH NO UNDERSTANDING  
OF WHAT HAD CALLED HER INTO  
BEING... OF THE DESIRE THAT WOULD  
BE HER. A GIRL NAMED



ARMED!

YES,  
BROTHER  
DEAD.

DO YOU KNOW--  
I THINK OUR SISTER  
BORN IS JEALOUS  
OF YOUR LITTLE  
DOXY! SHE'S DONE  
TO SAY HER A  
KISS!



NOOOO!

WHY, ANNAUL!  
I DIDN'T KNOW  
YOU CARED!  
HELPING ME, NO!



AT TELLER, OTHER  
BOULS ARE INTRODUCED...

...BY CHAINS FORCED  
BY NEURONS AND MUSCLE  
TISSUE, HEADPHONES -  
MUTTERS AND BEEPS



LISTEN-- EVERY  
THING IS GONNA  
BE OKAY THEN  
OUT ALL THAT  
NEW AGE STUFF  
WORKS



AUNT MACE'S BEEN  
DYING ME ONERO-  
SHOCK TREATMENTS  
AND WELL YOU'RE  
NOT GONNA BELIEVE  
THIS, BUT I'VE  
SEEN MY SPIRIT  
OUTSIDE

HER NAME IS JES. SHE'S  
BEAUTIFUL, MOM! SHE'LL  
HELP US FIND GHOST-- I  
KNOW IT!



MAN, THIS  
ITCHES  
WICKED  
BAD..



MUST BE A  
REACTION TO  
THE DRUGS AUNT  
MAY IS GIVING  
ME--





WASH: TIME FOR  
ANOTHER CHANNELING  
SESSION:



WISH ME LUCK,  
MOM! I'LL VISIT  
AGAIN SOON, I  
PROMISE!

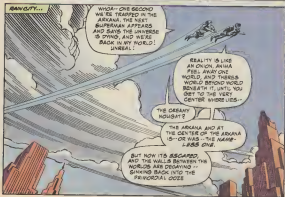
I  
LOVE  
YOU



IN A CITY  
FULL OF  
KIDS CAN  
HAVE A  
SLEEPING  
BEAUTY



IN REAL LIFE  
IT CAN BREAK  
YOUR HEART



SANCTUARY...

WHOA! ONE SECOND  
WE'RE TRAPPED IN THE  
ARKHAM, THE NEXT  
SUPERMAN APPEARS  
AND SAYS THE UNIVERSE  
IS DYING, AND WE'RE  
BACK IN MY WORLD!  
UNREAL!

REALITY IS LIKE  
AN ONION. ANIMA  
PEEL AWAY ONE  
WORLD, AND THERE'S  
WORLD BEYOND WORLD  
BENEATH IT, UNTIL YOU  
GET TO THE VERY  
CENTER WHERE LIES--

THE DREAMY  
HOUGHT?

THE ARKHAM AND AT  
THE CENTER OF THE ARKHAM  
IS-- OR WAS --THE NAME-  
LESS ONE.

BUT NOW IT'S ESCAPED,  
AND THE WALLS BETWEEN THE  
WORLDS ARE DECAYING --  
SHAKING BACK INTO THE  
PRIMORDIAL OOZE



YOU MEAN THE NAMELESS ONE (S, LIKE, GOD)?

GOD? HA-HA! YOU JUST DON'T GET IT!



HEY-- WAIT UP!

THE ARKANA-- AND EVERY-THING IN IT-- COMES FROM YOU, ANIMA!

FROM HUMAN DEMOS-- YOUR DREAMS AND FEARS, HOPES AND DESIRES.



TAKE THIS STONE--



I. THROW IT INTO THE ROAD, AND THE RIPPLED SPEED IN WIDENING CREEKS IS THE STONE GOD OF THE ROAD? THE RIPPLED?

DEE. JOHNNY ARE YOU STONED? YOU'RE STARTIN' TO SOUND LIKE MY MOM!



YOUR MOM'S COOL-- BUT WITHOUT THE HELP OF HER SPIRITGUIDE, FENRIS, WE CAN'T DEFEAT THE NAMELESS ONE



BUT  
RENDS IS  
DEAD

NOT JUST  
SLEEPING



ONLY THE ANIMALS CAN  
MAKE HER! I THOUGHT  
MAYBE GUNSMAN WAS  
THE ONE FOR OLD

BUT ITS  
YOU



LOOK, JOHNNY--MAYBE  
I'VE GOT SOME POWERS  
BUT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
ABOUT THIS ANIMAL  
BUSINESS

I'M NOT GOOD  
WITH ANIMALS--  
AND ANYWAY, I'M  
WORRIED ABOUT  
ANIMALS



IT'S YOUR AGENT YOU  
SHOULD BE WORRIED  
ABOUT! SHE'S LINKED  
TO RENDS

MAKE THE WOLF  
AND YOU'LL MAKE  
HER TOO!



WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO  
DO-- KIDS  
RENDS?



WHEN THE  
TIME COMES  
YOU'LL  
KNOW



I'M PROBABLY SICK  
OF EVERYBODY TELLING  
ME WHO I AM AND  
WHAT I HAVE TO DO!



I DIDN'T ASK  
FOR ANY OF  
THIS

WHOA--CHILL.  
ANIMA: BE GOOD!  
ALL I WANT  
WAS...



CAN'T YOU TAKE  
A HINT, DOWNY?  
SHE WANTS TO BE  
LEFT ALONE!

BRID!

COME TO ME,  
ANIMA-- I'LL GIVE  
YOU A SHOULDER  
TO CRY ON!

WHO?

DIDN'T ANIMA MENTION  
HIS TRIN  
SISTER? BRAD!



BUT I'VE HEARD  
ABOUT YOU BRAD  
HAVING A BAD  
HAIR DAY?



NOT COMPARED  
TO THE ONE YOU'VE  
GONNA HAVE,  
MORTIMER!



POOR  
BASTARD!

MAKES ME  
LOOK AT 'EM--  
AND I WAS AT  
WACO WHEN THE  
REDS HAD THEIR  
LITTLE BARBECUE!

SHOOT, I  
DURING NOW  
SAFE AS ALABAMA.  
I RECKON-- THE  
TEXAS KIND

WONDER  
WHO HE  
WAS?

GOT LILLY  
SHOOTIN' WITH  
DALLAS NOW.

WHAT KIND  
OF SICKO WE  
GOT ON OUR  
HANDS NOW,  
JUNNY?



WILL YOU  
STOP WITH THAT  
DAMN SCARVIN'?  
YOU'RE RUININ'  
ME TON!



SORRY--  
MUSTA PICKED  
UP A RASH  
SOME-  
WHERE.



WELL IF  
THAT DON'T  
BEAT ALL

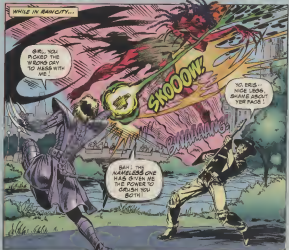
DALLAS SAYS  
PROPERTY'S BEEN  
AS-TERED TO ONE  
JACK-LADY BING  
ANY BELLS?



WHAT  
IS IT  
JIMMY?

JACK-LADY?  
YAH - WHIT--GADY  
JACKSON! WE  
BEEN LOOKIN' FOR  
HIM SINCE '72!

BECKON WE  
WEREN'T THE  
ONLY ONES  
LOOKIN'.



WHILE IN BARNUM...

OH... YOU  
PICKED THE  
WRONG DAY  
TO MEET WITH  
ME.

SKOOON!

NO, ERIS--  
NICE LEGS,  
SHAVE ABOUT  
YER FACE!

BAH! THE  
NAMELESS ONE  
HAS GIVEN ME  
THE POWER TO  
CRUSH YOU  
BOTH!



NO...  
NOT  
NOW!



J. JEREMY?

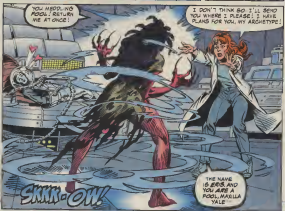


**POW!**



POW!  
POW!

GOT A BAD  
FEELING ABOUT  
THIS...



YOU HAD NO  
POW! RETURN  
ME AT ONCE!

I DON'T THINK SO I'LL SEND  
YOU WHERE I PLEASE! I HAVE  
PLANS FOR YOU, MY ARCHTYPE!

**SKIN-OW!**

THE NAME  
IS EDS. AND  
YOU ARE A  
POOL, MARILLA  
YALE



...THERE'S  
BEEN A  
CHANGE IN  
PLANS.





EXCELLENT  
SISTER. THE  
GATE IS OPEN  
NOW AND CANNOT  
EASILY BE CLOSED  
AGAIN.



THERE IS PANIC IN THE  
OUTER WORLD. THE HEROES  
BAND TOGETHER, NEVER  
DREAMING WHO THEIR TRUE  
ADVERSARY IS!

BY THE  
TIME THEY  
REALIZE IT  
WILL BE  
TOO LATE.



THE ONLY  
ONES WITH THE  
POWER TO STOP  
US ARE HERE—  
LOOKED AWAY IN  
THE BOND OF MY  
BARKING.

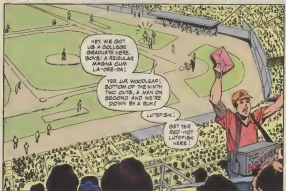


COME,  
WINDS!  
BE A  
SHOW!



A STORM  
TO CRACK  
THE WORLD  
ASUNDER.







HERE'S YER LUCKY BAT, WOOD-LEAP!  
GO ON--TAKE IT! IT  
AIN'T GONNA BITE  
YA!

R-EIN-  
MAKER?



LAST THING I  
REMEMBER IS  
THE BAR... LISA  
WAS THAT ALL  
A DREAM...OR  
IS THIS?

BATTER  
UP!

IS COURTNEY  
HABON BEHIND  
THIS SOMEHOW?



GOT A  
SPECIAL  
PITCH FOR  
TA WOOD-  
LEAP!



A LITTLE SOME-  
THIN I WORKED  
UP MYSELF-- I  
CALL IT THE  
GLOOM!



GROO!

W-HOLY  
GOW!





OH, SOMEWHERE  
IN THIS FADED  
LAND THE SUN IS  
SHINING BRIGHT



DAUGHTER

AH! THE  
WINDS HAVE  
DONE THEIR  
WORK... MY  
FATHER  
CALLS!



PUT YOUR  
GAMES ASIDE  
MY DAUGHTER--IT  
IS TIME FOR YOU  
TO JOIN ME. THE  
HOUR OF REVENGE  
IS AT HAND!

AT  
LAST!



THE GATES  
ARE OPENING!  
I FEEL YOU  
REACHING OUT  
TO ME!

I'M COMING,  
FATHER! I'M  
COMING!



GAIN'T YOU FEEL  
IT? THE HARMLESS  
ONE IS OPENING  
ALL THE GATES!

IF I DON'T  
GET FREE NOW,  
WE'LL BE TRAPPED  
FOREVER!

CLINK



CLINK



QUIET!  
MARIA WILL  
HEAR! WE'LL BE  
PUNISHED --



--BUT  
WHAT DO  
YOU CARE!



YOU ARE THE  
SELFISH ONE,  
MALCOLM!



CLINK



HARDER,  
ARMUS! YOU  
CAN DO IT!



I AM HERE,  
COLUMBINE BUT  
I WILL TRY  
AGAIN!



CLINK



HA!  
SHOWS YOU  
RIGHT!



CRASH!



